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SPECIAL REVISED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE TAKING OF PERQUISITE
SCHEDULES ON FARMS WITH 4 OR MORE HIRED WORKERS IN
MAY SURVEY OF FARM WAGE RATES

Note: In order to avoid revisits and to simplify procedures, the plan for obtaining perquisite information on farms with 4 or more hired workers has been revised. These instructions explain the new plan and replace: (1) All instructions given in "FORM FOR SELECTING SAMPLE OF WORKERS FOR PERQUISITE SCHEDULES FROM ALL WORKERS ON FARMS REPORTING 4-40 WORKERS." (This form is not to be used at all.); (2) The instruction stamped on one-fourth of the Prelist Sheets reading, "For farms with 4 or more hired workers, do not take any perquisite schedule as supervisors will have special instructions for sampling these on a revisit" and repeated in "Instructions to Enumerators" near the top of page 18. (3) Last sentence in 3rd paragraph of page 5 in "INSTRUCTIONS TO ENUMERATORS."

The revised plan in no way changes previous instructions for obtaining perquisite schedules in the stamped perquisite segments for hired workers on farms with fewer than 4 workers.

Revised Plan for Taking Perquisite Schedules
on Farms with 4 or More Hired Workers

In all segments, perquisite information is to be obtained for all hired workers on farms reporting 4 or more hired workers. This is to be done as follows:

- (1) When the farm operator is in a position to give the information called for on the individual perquisite schedule, a separate schedule is to be filled out for each hired worker; whenever possible, information should be obtained on this basis.
- (2) When the farm operator employs a large number of workers and would find it difficult or too time-consuming to supply information for each worker separately, the perquisite information is to be recorded on a new mimeographed schedule labeled in the upper left-hand corner "Schedule on Perquisites for Groups of Workers."

The revised plan does not require any revisits except when the enumerator may find that it is preferable to arrange for a return visit in order to finish getting the information. The need for requiring revisits is eliminated because the revised plan does not require sampling workers on farms reporting 4 or more hired workers. Perquisite information is to be secured for all workers on these farms, although it may be obtained on a group basis when necessary.

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How to Fill Out "Schedule on Perquisites
for Groups of Workers"

The item-by-item instructions on page 18-23 of INSTRUCTIONS TO ENUMERATORS should be followed except as noted below:

- (1) Answers to questions on the schedule are to be recorded on a group basis rather than on an individual basis;
- (2) In Section I, two self-explanatory items labeled g and h have been added, with a note indicating that hired workers who are also tenants (or sharecroppers in the South) are to be excluded from the group of workers for whom perquisite information is to be obtained;
- (3) In Section IV-1, a column calling for the number of workers receiving each perquisite item has been substituted for the column on the individual perquisite schedule which calls for quantity; note that the value figures called for on the group schedule always relate to the total value of the item furnished all workers who received it.
- (4) Section IV-2 of the perquisite schedule for individual workers has been dropped from this schedule and replaced with one question restricted to May 1945.

It should be kept in mind that even on farms where a group perquisite schedule is needed for most of the workers, there are likely to be one or more key workers, usually employed regularly, for whom the operator would be able to give individual perquisites. In such cases, it is desirable to fill out individual schedules for the key workers and a group schedule for the others (excluding the key workers).

On farms employing large numbers of workers, not all crews or groups of workers receive the same perquisites. In such cases it is desirable to fill out more than one group schedule for the same farm, especially where there are distinct groups of workers employed under different conditions.

Schedule on Perquisites for Groups of Workers
Use on farms with 4 or more hired workers
only when an individual perquisite schedule
cannot be obtained for each worker

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SURVEY OF FARM WAGE RATES

I. Identification

- a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____
(State) (County) Segment number Prelist line number
of farm operator
- e. _____ f. _____
(Farm operator's name) (Enumerator's name)
- g. Total number of hired farm workers employed by this operator during the week
ending May 26, 1945 _____ (Number)
- h. Number of these hired workers for whom group information is recorded on this
schedule _____ (Number)

Note: Do not include in this group of workers any hired workers who are also
tenants (or sharecroppers in the South) of this farm operator; no
additional information is to be obtained on such workers.

II. Residence and additional information for the group of workers recorded in I-h.

1. Where do these workers now live? Number of workers
- | | |
|---|-------|
| On this farm | _____ |
| On other farms | _____ |
| In rural area but not on a farm | _____ |
| In city or town (incorporated place
of 2,500 or more). | _____ |
2. How many of these workers have their families living with them on this
farm? _____ (Number)
3. What is the marital status of these workers? Number of workers
- | | |
|----------------------|-------|
| Single | _____ |
| Married | _____ |
| Other | _____ |
| Don't know | _____ |
4. How many of these workers' wage rates include payment for any work done by
other members of his family for this operator? _____ (Number)
5. Do any of these workers have any physical or mental disabilities that
interfere with ability to do farm work (such as arm or leg missing, chronic
rheumatism, feeble-mindedness, etc.)? _____ Yes _____ No
- If yes, how many? _____ Specify nature of disabilities _____
6. For how many years has each of these workers done some work on a farm
operated by you? Number of workers
- | | |
|--|-------|
| Not before this year | _____ |
| 1 year (in addition to this year). | _____ |
| 2 years (in addition to this year). | _____ |
| 3 years (in addition to this year). | _____ |
| More than 3 years (in addition to this year) | _____ |
7. How much experience has each worker had in farm work? Number of workers
- | | |
|---|-------|
| Less than 6 months | _____ |
| Six months but less than one year | _____ |
| One year but less than two years | _____ |
| Two years but less than 5 years. | _____ |
| Five years or more | _____ |
| Don't know | _____ |

III. Employment and cash wages for the group of workers recorded in I-h.

1. How many man-days of farm work did these workers do for this operator
during the month of May 1945? _____ (Man-days)
2. What were the total cash wages earned by these workers for farm work
done for this operator during May 1945? _____ (Dollars)

IV. Perquisite items furnished without charge to the group of workers recorded in I-h.

1. House, lodging, food, laundry, etc. during month of May 1945

Item	Number of workers receiving item	Total value for all workers receiving item
House	_____	Present value of building(s)
Apartment in operator's house	_____	Total rental value per month
Lodging (room or bunk space only)	_____	Total rental value per month
Meals	_____	Total value
Eggs	_____	Total value
Fruit and/or vegetables (excluding potatoes)	_____	Total value
Fuel (include gas and electricity)	_____	Total value
Laundry	_____	Total value
Milk	_____	Total value
Potatoes - Irish	_____	Total value
Sweet potatoes	_____	Total value
Pork	_____	Total value
Other meat (including poultry)	_____	Total value
Other food products	_____	Total value
Medical services or supplies	_____	Total value

2. Have you furnished this group of workers without charge any other type of
privileges or services not mentioned above? _____ Yes _____ No
- If yes, describe and estimate their total value during May 1945 _____

